GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3122
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SANCTION FOR SIGNING BILATERAL MULTILATERAL TREATIES .
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether signing of bilateral/multilateral treaties by Executive on matter of National Importance precede the formal sanction from the Legislature;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether such practice is constitutionally in order and conforming to established practice;

(d) If so, the details thereof ; and

(e) If not, the remedial measures likely to be adopted in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a)- (b) The Union Government with the approval of the Cabinet concludes all treaties and agreements with foreign countries. Legislature's approval is required for any implementing legislation, wherever necessary.

(c)- (d) The present practice is constitutionally in order and conforming to established practice.

(e) Does not arise.